



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of FEBRUARY, 1945.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; and Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area).

POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1944; was estimated to be 488,500.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

(Previous issues contained particulars for Metropolitan Area only).

NOTE: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			JANUARY		12 months ended	
			1945	1944	December	
			1945	1944	1944	1943
Marriages	..	No.	390	318	4,506	4,528
"		*Rate per 1000	9.40	7.78	9.28	9.44
		of population				
Births	..	No.	1,004	943	10,870	10,481
"		*Rate per 1000	24.19	23.06	22.39	21.85
		of population				
Deaths	..	No.	387	358	4,478	4,587
"		*Rate per 1000	9.32	8.76	9.23	9.56
		of population				
Infant Mortality		No.	25	30	355	342
" "		Rate per 1000	24.90	31.81	32.66	32.63
		live births				
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -						
Tuberculosis			16	8	149	153
Cancer			50	45	566	551
Influenza			1	-	9	14
Diphtheria			3	1	24	38
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			35	26	398	408
Arteriosclerosis			18	12	173	137
Diseases of the Heart			87	94	1,107	1,160
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			19	28	321	277
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			5	5	56	68
Nephritis			17	10	167	189
Diseases of Early Infancy			13	18	196	203
Senility			13	10	179	197
Accidents			29	25	245	250
All Other Causes			81	76	888	942
TOTAL			387	358	4,478	4,587

\*Equivalent Annual Rate.

See Overleaf.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the two months ended February 1945, totalled 39,138 acres, an increase of 411 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 717,764 acres, a decrease of 610,687 acres,

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of February		8 months ended February	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	1,094,819	1,127,675	9,041,305	8,591,657
Revenue per Head of Population	£2,4, 9d.	£2,6, 8d.	£18, 10, 11.	£17, 16, 10.
Expenditure	1,053,945	1,080,376	9,076,826	8,911,532
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2,3, 1.	£2,4, 9d.	£18, 12, 5.	£18, 10, 1.

SAVINGS BANKS

Deposits on the 28th February 1945 amounted to £29,713,717, or £60,13, 10. per head of population, as against £23,570,054, or £48, 15, 1d. per head as at the 29th February last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 26th February, 1945, amounted to £2,871,675, compared with £2,801,025 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		FEBRUARY		8 months ended February	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Transfers	(No. ..)	822	555	6,706	4,793
	(£. ..)	307,534	203,458	2,644,777	1,939,059
Mortgages	(No. ..)	271	169	1,863	1,391
	(£. ..)	229,790	120,021	1,743,802	1,005,361
Discharges of Mortgages	No. ..	513	504	3,764	3,804

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
1944 - February	511,892	668,699	1,352,838	112,406
March	677,720	712,843	1,444,480	103,665
April	770,416	566,513	1,627,139	116,197
May	683,010	571,025	1,510,170	115,254
June	755,542	590,549	1,638,830	112,306
July	706,185	668,445	1,897,871	110,856
August	813,398	663,749	1,448,938	118,491
September	926,471	805,080	1,545,195	110,574
October	1,099,405	509,349	1,394,583	116,416
November	874,649	771,898	1,622,266	112,531
December	712,619	567,240	1,395,211	112,383
1945 - January	808,314	604,283	1,708,485	128,267
February	711,327	640,732	1,180,561	109,340

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

Six Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £20,500, and six foreign companies were registered for the eight months ended 28th February, 1945. For the corresponding period last year there were two local companies, with a nominal capital of £10,100, and seven foreign companies registered,

BANKRUPTCY.

	8 months ended February					
	1945			1944		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	2	3,257	2,046	3	2,647	1,967
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	672	1,016	-	-	-
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :-

	JANUARY		Seven months ended January	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Gross Earnings £.	372,700	368,900	2,591,800	2,597,000
Working Expenses £.	307,440	280,514	2,162,639	2,216,665
Train miles run	535,420	518,529	3,696,919	3,577,264
Passenger Journeys	1,585,856	1,707,770	10,671,361	10,901,401
Tonnage carried -				
Paying Goods	216,088	194,388	1,616,038	1,302,105
Livestock	15,664	11,808	95,086	98,887
Departmental (Free Freight)	44,371	33,276	306,865	260,381
Total	276,123	239,472	2,017,989	1,661,375
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	26,058,258	24,628,459	178,863,055	157,992,887
Livestock	1,678,450	1,385,472	10,538,012	11,931,809
Departmental (Free Freight)	6,759,977	4,635,181	45,336,521	39,450,684
Total	34,496,685	30,649,112	234,737,588	209,375,380



## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

## (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1944 -								
January	1	22	3	1	2	78	3	4
February	1	28	-	2	1	70	2	3
March	2	31	-	-	3	89	-	2
April	-	30	-	-	1	91	-	4
May	-	41	1	-	1	108	2	3
June	-	45	1	5	-	86	2	7
July	7	33	-	14	7	97	-	21
August	-	23	-	-	1	44	-	32
Sept.	2	17	-	2	2	41	-	3
October	3	16	-	-	3	37	-	1
November	1	11	-	-	1	36	-	1
December	6	13	-	11	6	26	-	12
1945 -								
January	5	8	-	12	5	30	-	15
February	-	15	1	-	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).  
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
January	17,707	5,290	229	2,465	29,017	20,253	276	3,902
February	17,904	5,399	230	2,557	29,727	21,185	280	4,103
March	17,916	5,401	230	2,558	29,887	21,425	280	4,151
April	18,038	5,490	230	2,592	29,991	21,664	274	4,234
May	18,126	5,567	231	2,629	30,273	22,117	276	4,308
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
July	17,507	5,872	243	2,209	28,835	20,926	295	3,387
August	17,729	6,006	244	2,341	29,464	21,879	296	3,712
September	17,732	6,013	244	2,343	29,596	22,177	296	3,771
October	17,934	6,168	244	2,431	29,613	22,436	293	3,903
November	18,076	6,243	246	2,489	30,002	22,837	295	4,009
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,051	22,946	298	4,031
1945 -								
January	18,135	6,305	242	2,543	29,754	22,042	289	4,043
February	18,261	6,384	244	2,612	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

## (3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1945 - JANUARY	89	303	4	5



BUILDING ACTIVITY.(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
FEBRUARY, 1945	43	25,376	3	26,700	132	11,125	178	63,201
FEBRUARY, 1944	12	5,283	-	-	74	11,619	86	16,902
8 months ended February, 1945.	317	208,272	12	38,093	800	145,940	1129	392,305
8 months ended February, 1944	53	26,449	11	12,736	560	83,082	624	122,267

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.  
(15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
FEBRUARY, 1945	11	9,250	-	-	18	443	29	9,693
FEBRUARY, 1944	-	-	-	-	23	1,719	23	1,719
8 months ended February, 1945.	52	37,279	8	2,296	180	11,045	240	50,620
8 months ended February, 1944	14	3,995	6	1,715	118	6,009	138	11,719

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

881,256 lbs. were produced during January 1945, and 10,412,714 lbs. for the seven months ended January 1945, as against 768,940 lbs. and 11,707,466 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		FEBRUARY		2 months ended February	
		1945	1944	1945	1944
Quantity	Fine Oz.	35,947	33,196	77,455	69,992
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	381,039	346,898	821,024	731,419

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the two months ending February 1945 amounted to £31,250, as against £171,250 for the corresponding period last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000).

	FEBRUARY		8 months ended February	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Food and Groceries:				
Metropolitan Area	1062	1052	1058	1053
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1190	1169	1185	1170
Northam	1071	1058	1068	1060
Bunbury	1046	1025	1040	1025
Geraldton	1084	1092	1090	1095

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100)					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000)				
	1941	1942	1943	1944(a)	1945(a)	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	109	116	128	137	142	-	1014	865	826	870
February	111	118	130	138		-	986	861	824	
March	112	118	132	139		-	962	846	825	
April	111	118	134	139		-	955	835	827	
May	112	119	134	140		-	927	836	832	
June	113	118	135	139		-	907	835	829	
July	113	117	136	140(a)		1000	888	828	832	
August	113	119	136	140		987	882	814	832	
Sept.	114	120	137	140		994	877	806	834	
October	115	122	138	141		996	874	801	837	
November	116	123	136	142		1016	873	814	851	
December	118	124	137	143		1028	886	840	886	

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1944 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	FEBRUARY		8 months ended February	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Units Generated .. (1000 K.W.H.)	14,662	13,870	122,842	114,691
Units Sold .. (1000 K.W.H.)	12,108	11,329	103,529	97,887

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